# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SHIPPING
# LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF MAJOR PORTS
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for the expansion of major ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any matter related thereto is laying pending with the Public Investment Board;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be cleared alongwith the targeted date of the completion of this expansion work; and

(e) the details in terms of estimated investment and resource mobilisation?

## Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) & (b) Expansion of major ports is a part of the ongoing process of their development, keeping in view the demands of maritime trade. During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), an amount of Rs.4531.29 crores has been allocated for development including expansion and modernisation of major ports. Out of this, Rs.2955.37 crores has been earmarked for new schemes to be taken up during the Tenth Plan. In addition, an investment of about Rs.11257.00 crores by the private sector is also envisaged in the major ports during the above period. The schemes included in the Tenth Plan are expected to yield an additional capacity of 127.10 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) through construction of additional berths, extension of existing berths and modernisation of cargo handling equipment through fresh procurement, replacement/upgradation in various major ports. Out of this, the new schemes are expected to yield an additional capacity of 63.60 MTPA.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.